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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Attached information concerns our investigation into recent developments in the Kennedy assassination case involving a former associate of Oswald, George DeMohrenschildt, who was an apparent suicide victim on 3/29/77. We have learned that DeMohrenschildt left [redacted] in Dallas photograph of Oswald, tapes and a manuscript of a book DeMohrenschildt was writing concerning his relationship with Oswald.

Attached reports Dallas interview with [redacted] on 3/31/77. [redacted] acknowledged possession of photograph of Oswald, which appeared on cover of "Life Magazine" several years ago; ten 12 reel-type tape recordings containing taped conversations of DeMohrenschildt and his wife; and a copy of a manuscript written by DeMohrenschildt entitled "I am a Patsy, I am a Patsy." [redacted] states that tapes and manuscript contained no information in addition to that revealed by the DeMohrenschildts during testimony before the Warren Commission. [redacted] states this material has no probative value but because of possible financial value, he will not release original of the manuscript and tapes to any interested agency. [redacted] provided copy of photograph. (House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSC) is also interested.) [redacted] agreed to release copy of above items, but placed following three restrictions: (1) The press not be notified concerning any of the items; (2) That contents not be publicly released unless they contained great probative value; (3) He does not want it known that any of the items or their contents were released to anyone.

[redacted] gave no credibility to Dutch Journalist Oltmans' statements that DeMohrenschildt had any prior knowledge or information concerning assassination.

On 4/1/77, Mr. Robert Keuch, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, advised the FBI should attempt to obtain this material from [redacted] however, [redacted] should initially be advised that his identity will be protected as a source of the information, but if the Chairman of the HSCA requests content of the information, it will be furnished to the Chairman, which may ultimately disclose identity of contributor and further disclosure by the HSCA. [redacted] also should be reminded of possible future disclosure under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act. Dallas being instructed to contact [redacted], advise him of the information furnished by Mr. Keuch, and thereafter determine if he will make this material available. If [redacted] agrees to furnish this material after advising him of the information furnished by Mr. Keuch, same will be obtained. Coordinated with Legal Counsel Division.

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